GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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COAL BLOCKS ALLOCATION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal blocks/mines allocated to both public and private sector companies since 2004, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the cases of irregularities reported in the allotment of coal blocks/mines so far along with the action taken by the Government in each case including cancellation /de-allocation of such coal blocks/mines;

(c) whether the Government has re-allocated/proposed to re-allocate these cancelled/ de-allocated coal blocks/mines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASH BAPU PATIL)

(a) The details of coal blocks/mines allocated to both public and private sector companies since 2004 is given at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered 3 Preliminary Enquiry cases regarding alleged irregularities in allocation of coal blocks relating to allocation of coal blocks to private companies during the period 1993-2004 and 2006-2009 and a Preliminary Enquiry relating to allocation of coal blocks to Government companies. In the case related to allotments to private companies during 2006-09, 9 FIRs have been lodged by CBI so far. Further, Ministry has issued show cause notice on 15.11.2012 to 8 companies against whom FIR has been lodged (in case of one company show cause notice was not issued as the block had already been de-allocated). The reply to show cause notice from 7 companies have been received. A copy each of the replies received has been sent to CBI.

However, on the basis of review of process of development of coal blocks, 47 coal blocks have been de-allocated so far. 2 de-allocated coal blocks viz Utkal A and Utkal B coal blocks in the State of Odisha were allocated again, in case of 3 coal blocks located in the State of Jharkhand viz Chatti Bariatu, Chattibariatu (South) and Kerandari, de-allocation letters have been withdrawn and 3 coal blocks viz Chichropastimal, Brahamini in the State of Jharkhand and East of Damagoria (Kalyaneshwari) in the State of West Bengal have been assigned to Coal India Limited.